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LETTERS

Dear David,

We have known Crystal Hagoon for some time now and we do exchange our magazines with her. Magic Saucer is very enjoyable to read and fills a gap in the UFO field. Meanwhile we have been following up developments in the Anti-Gravity device field. Though such a machine does exist and work, details are not forthcoming yet, though the inventor, a well-known Scientist has said he will soon be publishing his work. NASA has ignored our inquiries regarding the existence of an alien technology on the Moon. We recently saw some pictures of machinery on the Moon, actual NASA photographs! When we asked for an explanation of these particular photographs, they merely sent us a list of NASA photo's available. Makes you think, doesn't it? We wish you continued success and look forward to hearing from you again in the future.

Yours sincerely, John Barklam, Foresight, Birmingham.

Dear David,

My aims for Contact International as the new President are simple. I want to tighten up the organisation. With 11,000 members in 36 countries, firstly I want to ensure that each member country has properly trained investigators who can follow up all UFO sightings in their region. Then, I want more interchange of information among member countries. Eventually, I should like to see a sort of mini-museum of UFO material (sighting reports, photos, information in display form), in every member country, so there's quite a lot to be going on with. I think your publication MAPIT-SKYWATCH is splendid; it obviously entails a tremendous amount of work. Do write when you can.

Most sincerely, Ruth Rees, Contact International President, Richmond, Surrey.

Dear David,

I read with interest the item (in SW32) about Ian Ridpath. Well, let me just say, as far as I'm concerned he is just a parrot! This so-called 'article' of his in Hermes is not all his own work. The evaluations he made about UFOs visiting Earth were the estimation of Professor Carl Sagan - not, I repeat not - Ian Ridpath. To write that article in Hermes, he was borrowing, and as far as I can see he might have made it appear that it was 'all his own work'. At least as editor of ENK, like yourself of SKYWATCH, we wouldn't be so dumb as to do this without giving credit where it was due, and in this case it was due to Carl Sagan. I have scanned SKYWATCH (32) and could see no mention if IR had mentioned this. I think as Ridpath doesn't seem to know what he's talking about when it comes to UFOs, he should stick his eye to the telescope and keep it there. I hope you will publish this and I hope Ian reads it.

Best Wishes, Edward Harris, SNK, Dunmow, Essex.

(Sorry, Ted, I had to edit your letter --- DLR/Ed).

"MORE COINCIDENCES" - by J. Randles and J.B.Delair.

In the Autumn 1978 issue of 'Awareness' (Contact's magazine - Ed). one of us, (JR) noted the repetition of certain not very common names in the annals of UFOlogy. It was then suggested that such repetitions, so often held to be mere coincidences, were possibly not to be interpreted in that manner and represented hitherto uninvestigated avenues of research linked to the well-known "selectivity" factor in UFOlogy. Below is a further example of this kind assembled from data accumulated by the present writers. It relates to the surname REES, not in itself a notable common name in society.

The surname of Contact's International's new President is REES (Ruth)

The surname of one of Contact 'UK's) field investigators in Essex is REES (David)

The surname of the editor of Mapit's journal SKYWATCH is REES (David)

The surname of one of data researches fact-processing team is REES (Susan)

The surname of one of the military personnel involved with the investigation of the 'green Fireball' episode in South-Western USA in the early 1950's was REES (Lt Col.Doyle).

None of these individuals is knowingly related to any of the others. Still more interesting is the fact that Susan REES's son is named David and her daughter is named Ruth. Random checks on five telephone directories for widely-scattered British districts show that, while the surname REES is present in all of them, it is never common and in two cases it is only just present. Yet it appears to be disproportionately embroiled in ufological matters. Why? Is, as some have claimed, the UFO phenomenon playing games with humanity, the surname REES being a prominent element in the game, or do such repetitions (odd though they may seem to us at present) represent vital clues to the phenomenon's true nature. In other words, are they important items that ufologists have until now contrived to overlook?

It seems to us sensible to explore this aspect further until its true merit can be positively established.

(Editors Note: In MAPITS address card index (in excess of 500) three letters are most common in UFOlogy and they are the letters B - R and S.

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MAPIT NEWSDESK

Lionel Beer of BUFORA informs me that the UFO Congress being held in London over the Bank Holiday in August, will include representative's from 12 countries. The working party sessions will have a truly International flavour. Speakers so far confirmed amongst others are: Lawrence Dale, Dr.Leo Sprinkle (USA), Peter Hill, Edoardo Russo (Italy), Norman Oliver, Per Anderson (Denmark), Bernard Delair and Dr.Allen Hynek (US^A). Should be a rewarding time for all attending, and is of course, a unique event in British UFO history. Well done, organisers!!

National UFO Research (NUFOR) have a new-style magazine on sale - its name is Target and is published quarterly. Write to: David Kay, Head Office, 4 Queens Square, Brighton.

The Uninvited is the name of a new UFO book. It is written by Clive Harold, and gives the full story concerning activity at Ripperstone Farm, home of the Coombe family in South West Wales. Encounters include extensive UFO Activity, with the Farm in the centre of it all. The events were witnessed by 100s of local people. Burnt patches in their grazing fields were found and eventually their house was approached by a figure - a creature that terrified them. Published by Star Books - Price 95p.

OMIROS Karajas, MAPIT's contact in Greece, recently had featured an article concerning Greek sightings. This appeared in Flying Saucer Review Vol.24No.6

Two of the cases (Paphos and New Halkidona) first appeared in SKYWATCH no.31. A decision to cancel the UFO Space Newsclipping Journal project headed by Lindy Whitehurst in Dallas - Texas has been made. Reason being Multilith printing facilities becoming unavailable; all magazine, newsclip, advert exchanges are to be cancelled. Write to Lindy for details (address in SW 31).

UFO Jersey Associations Dean Preston and Arno Chilvers are currently working on a special project related to the 'Flightpaths of UFOs over Jersey'. Publication of their findings will be around Nov/Dec this year.

Marco Raffa of Shado Italy News wishes it to be known that they will be cooperating with the Genoa branch of Centro UFOlogica Nozionale. Their new magazine is to be called 'Skywatch'! Sounds familiar?

The UFO investigation group 'SKYCAN' based in Worcester recently had the honour of winning 'The Bridget Chivers Memorial Trophy' which is awarded by UFO INFO Exchange Library for services to UFOLOGY! It was presented to them at a UFO Conference in Wiltshire during May. Well done!

After two and a half years of reporting and researching on the Canadian aspect of the UFO phenomenon, UFO Canada has ceased publication and active research. Reason for this development are not financial nor the result of low subs., but rather the lack of serious scientific study - Howard Gontovnick Chomedey, Canada.

The Federation of UFO Research based in Crewe, published in May the 'Llanerchymedd Report' which concerns itself with alleged UFO sightings/CE3 activity on the Isle of Anglesey in September 1978. First I would like to congratulate FUFOR on this excellent document - their objective attitude shines through in the method of uncovering the true story. One item which I did find of great value was the section dealing with the Evaluation of witness statement and characters. This report is 16 pages in length with two diagrams and one map included. The full set of 18 diagrams by the witnesses can be purchased for £1.10p. In clothing 'The Llanerchymedd Report' is a valuable addition to serious research material. It is issued on a limited basis - free of charge. Write to FUFOR, Stephen Cleaver, 2 Acer Avenue, Crewe, Ches.

UFOCON 4: The fourth annual conference of ACOS member associations will take place on October 13/14/15 this year, at the Oxford Koala Motor Inn, Sydney, Australia. ACOS stands for Australian Co-Ordination Section (of the Centre for UFO Studies) in the USA formed by Allen Hynek. The accent of this year's conference will be Investigation, Research, Documentation and the future. For details of ACOS and its bulletin write to: POBox 546 Gosford, NSW 2250, Australia.

Terry Hooper of UFO International has recently taken over as Liason Officer in place of John Casey, who has left the Bristol area. The new address to write to is: 63 Malvera Drive, North Common, Warmley, Bristol, Avon. Terry points out that their magazine "Quest" is still being published and is worth a read, the format of the magazine is very neat indeed.

Recent publicity for MAPIT came via an article in a GEC Group newspaper called "Circuit" published in May - response was fair.

Crown Decorative Products Ltd. announced in June that to commemorate the NASA space shuttle programme they are pleased to announce the launch of a ready-pasted vinyl (wallpaper) featuring, in superb and vivid detail, various facts of the space shuttle. The design is out of this world, and is a must for all space enthusiasts - young or old. It is in the shops now, moderately priced. The pattern number is X37709 and can be purchased from Ripolin Paint and Wallpaper Stores and Nova Decor.

The Metempirical U^rO Bulletin (MUFOB for short) is moving! Their new address for all enquiries, correspondence, subscriptions, contributions of articles etc is: 64 Alric Avenue, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 4JW., UK. Their telephone number remains the same.

Books to look out for are as follows:- The UFO Handbook by Allan Hendry, to be published by Doubleday in August.....More UFO's over Warminster by Arthur Shuttlewood, published by Arthur Baker - £5.50.....The Philadelphia Experiment by Charles Berlitz and William Moore (Carlos Allende etc) Souvenir Press £4.95.....

What has the BBC TV rock show, the Old Grey Whistle Test and Dan Goring of Earthlink in common? Answer: Dan was recently interviewed by Anne Nightingale, co-host of the OGWT on BBC Radio 1. This talk was heard all over the UK. What was the response, Dan???.....

First UFO study course in London (evening classes). Starting on Friday the 21st September, Morley College will be sponsoring what is believed to be the first ever serious UFO study course to be held at an academic institute in London. It will be entitled "Unidentified Flying Objects - fact or fiction", and will endeavour to familiarise people with the nature and extend of UFOlogy, whilst at the same time encouraging them to adopt a critical and objective attitude. It will be illustrated and discussion will be encouraged. Whereas the public lectures run by BUFORA at the Kensington Central Library often tend to be specialised, this course will enable students to enjoy the continuity of a prepared syllabus. The course will be researched and presented by BUFORA director and chairman Lionel Beer-Fras. The fee (enrol week commencing 10th September or see prospectus) will be £3.00 for the 13 Friday evenings of the Autumn term, which sounds like a bargain! (works out 23p an evening!) Morley College is at 61 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 and is very handy for Lambeth North tube station and various buses, it is a modern building with a good cafeteria, separate bar and other facilities.

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ON BEHALF OF THE VOCIFEROUS MINORITY - THE CULTISTS

Congratulations to Mr. Delair on a very well-reasoned article. He strikes an excellent balance between the cultists and the nuts-and-bolts ufologist. Nuts-and-bolts ufologist? We complain enough about the nuts-and-bolts scientists. But it may be that some of our colleagues, in their understandable anxiety to make Ufology respectable and acceptable, are falling into the same trap.

The Bermuda Triangle has been sensationalised; therefore let us forget about this inconvenient patch of water. No Unonaut in his senses would be rambling around the Himalayas or the Florida Swamps; therefore let us dismiss the Yetis and Swamp-men to the zoologists. And, as for those Close encounters of the Umpteenth Kind - send for the psychiatrists!

There is a scale of belief. If I reports Lights in the Sky, the astronomers would assure me that it was the planet Venus or a meteorite, but the ufologists would probably believe me. If I reported a flying saucer landing in the field, the possibility of hallucination would justifiably be considered, but after consideration, some ufologists would believe me and some would not. And if I reported an actual conversation with a spaceman (I should be so lucky!) my over-active imagination and interest in the Occult would weigh heavily against the possibility of my being believed.

The theory has been propounded, with strong supporting evidence, that psychic people are more likely to see UFOs than non-psychic people (so why haven't I seen one?) Yet psychic people are naturally less likely to be believed than the down-to-earth type. Is this part of the maddening game the Ufonauts have been playing with us for so long. Are the Men In Black, Mothmen, the electricity black-outs and telephones going crazy, part of the UFO scene

or just earthlings cashing in or being carried away? Like it or not, and I am sure some of my readers will not, ley-lines and Stonehenge, poltergeists, pumas and angel hair, are part of the UFO mystery and must be taken into account, if only to be discarded at a later date. So the logical approach suggested by Mr. Delair should do the impossible - please all the ufologists.

And after all, there is a place for the cultist (under suitable restraint?) in ufology, if only to provide the comic relief.

Magdalene Graham, Secretary, Supernatural Research Society.

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Fortean Times: In the last issue of SKYWATCH, I gave mention to the magazine FT changing its format and name. Well - FT has a redesigned format and the latest issue No. 29 Summer 1979, will no doubt become a collectors' edition. The reader is greeted with a normal-sized magazine with a full colour cover which has some very weird 'things' depicted on it, including a hanged-headed Charles Fort up to his elbows in catapillars! The obvious imagination of the artist (Richard Adams) has really run riot and I applaud his artistic inventiveness. The whole front cover grabs your attention for about 10 minutes, before you even open the magazine. Once you do start reading FT will really grab your attention from page to page; the standard in which Robert Rickard has reached is remarkable, and I remember the early issues of 'The News' (later FT) as being just the right balance in content, and the style of presentation always to me hinted at great promise for this mouthpiece dealing with strange phenomena. Surely the full potential of FT can now be realised and I wish Robert all the best as so far as support/sponsor's goes. The new name of FT will not be Strange Phenomena as was featured in SW32, because a new magazine in the Midlands are also using Strange Phenomena, so it was obvious that there was not room for two magazines with the same name in Britain (and also different in content/outlook). The possible new name for FT, may be Strangeness. Fortean Times is 56 pages in length and well worth your support. 1 years subscription - £3.00. Sample copy - 75p. Excellent value. Available from: Fortean Times, DTWAGE, 9-12 St. Annes Court, London.W1.....

Theatre: "All Along the Watchtowers" by Colin Bennett, ICA Theatre.
Review by John Rimmer of MUF08.

All along the Watchtowers is a study of the impact of the UFO myth on a small group of people - a journalist who is working on a piece, that will be the answer to the riddle of the UFOs - a Police officer investigating rumours of a plot to assassinate a major public figure and a cultist figure who links the two. It is a remarkable play, which at times seems like a dramatisation of Flying Saucer Review and many of the incidents and people depicted will be familiar to our readers. Particularly interesting is a dramatisation of a very bizarre MIB (men in black) encounter reported in FSR about a year ago. Much of the background explanation of the complexities of the UFO mystery is supplied by an American journalist, who is very obviously John Keel. As the play progresses we see how the forces behind the UFO move and manipulate the characters, the deeper they involve themselves in the Mythos, and the more they depend upon its revelations, the greater is their personal disintegration. In the Keel tradition, they are surrounded by a force which leads them on by predictions and apparent omniscience but at the very very end pulls the carpet from beneath them. A remarkable play, and one we urge all our readers to see (MUF08), if it should emerge at any local 'fringe' theatre. It is the most realistic portrayal of the UFO phenomena we have ever seen in fiction. It presents a terrifyingly accurate image of the mental and emotional strains that can result from too literal an interpretation of the phenomenon, and the failure to appreciate its predominantly reflective and symbolic nature.

(These items are parts of a review John Rimmer wrote in MUF0B New Series 12, Autumn 1978. SKYWATCH has published an edited version and suggest you see the original in the appropriate MUF0B edition. Below are some further thoughts on the play made by John Rimmer to myself in personal correspondence).

"I can only say that the play will probably not appeal to those who want the UFO mystery neatly tied up and explained, and like the phenomenon itself the play ends with as many questions unanswered as it begins. I would also add the appeal that any of your readers who may be involved in the local theatre scene should contact the ICA Gallery, The Mall, London W1, to enquire about staging it." John also adds that, "I'm afraid that as far as I can find out there are no plans to take All Along the Watchtowers to any other theatres".

John Rimmer --- MUF0B ---

THE MUNDO UFO REPORT by Lzury Mundo - from: Flying Saucer Information Centre, 7803, Ruanne Court, Pasadena, Maryland, 21122, USA Price: FREE.

Lauro Mundo has for many years been involved in UFO work of various sorts; she was in fact an early pioneer in the States in a similar vein as the late and much respected Ray Palmer of Flying Saucers fame. 1953 being, in fact, the year of her first involvement. She was also a great friend of contactee George Adamski. The report is based on a column she wrote in the Broadside Newspaper during 1976 in Michigan. The content is most varied including: Atlantis, UFOs, Bermuda Triangle, and sunspot activity, which according to Laura will cause much upheaval on this planet (ask NASA re: Skylab!). She also present interesting accounts of why the space people are here and so on. Six pages also include photos, Adamski's scout ships, Laura pictured with Desmond Leslie, Adamski and Donald Keyhoe. This book is very well put together and presentation is good, too. The 90 pages are crammed with data which will, I know, not appeal to everyone, but I enjoyed it. Another unexpected bonus is the list of useful addresses at the end of the book, listing some 55 researchers/organisations around the world. As to whether this report was published on a limited edition, I do not know, therefore, I advise you to obtain a copy - its well worth it!

ASTRONAUTS OF ANCIENT JAPAN by Vaughn. M. Greene (Merlin Engine Works Publisher. Obtainable from: 548 Elm Avenue, San Bruno, California, 94066, USA Price Five dollars fifty.

Eric Von Daniken was the sower of the "Was God an Astronaut" seed back in 1969, and since then its gained a large involvement of researchers around the world with conferences being held, etc. The writers that followed Daniken's lead include: Drake, Tomas and Kolosimo. My favourite book on this subject being Tipples 'The Sirius Mystery', so is this latest book just another 'astronaut' re-write? The answer is NO and in fact this book is very well written and researched by someone who has been to Japan and not at his desk re-writing from other works. The various questions posed in AA of Japan include "Did Astronauts land in Japan 15,378 years ago? Why does the Japanese language resemble no other in the world and is Japan the one submerged tip of a lost continent called Lemuria? The thing which I like about Greene's approach is that he doesn't ram it down your throat, - like 'believe it or else'. When you've read the book you're left with the impression of either believing it or not! To my knowledge this is the first serious attempt in dealing with the ancient land of the rising sun. This book will no doubt become a prime reference source and is 163 pages long (16 pages devoted to photos etc). Well don, Vaughn - I look forward to seeing a followup?

FILMS - ALIEN. Should you happen to be passing Venus and pick up a distress call, for Christ's sake, ignore it!! If not the consequences can be extremely unpleasant as revealed in 'Alien' the latest Sci-Fi mega movie to emerge from America. The Nostromo freighter cruises peacefully back to earth from the outer limits of the galaxy. In the hold, seven astronauts sleep peacefully in suspended animation, until their dreams are rudely

interrupted by the ship's computer picking up the distress signal from a nearby planet. Foolishly they investigate and find the signal comes from a long-dead spacecraft manned by an equally long-dead gigantic pilot from another world. Further investigation in the bowels of the ship reveals a number of egg-like containers. Kane played by British actor John Hurt, becomes the aliens first victim. Without exaggeration the film will have you clawing at your seat. There's a particularly effective scene where Brett, the scruffy engineer, is left alone in one of the engine rooms, facing a set of teeth that would frighten Jaws. If Alfred Hitchcock had done a space movie, then it would have been like this. The film has the same pulse-racing build-ups, making your throat tighten, before you feel a quick punch to your stomach. Take the scene where Dalles, the captain, pursues the alien throughout the ship's cooling system, armed only with a crude flamethrower and a flickering torch. The hunter becomes the hunted as the alien at last emerges out of the darkness, hungry for human flesh. The evil beast is pretty convincingly constructed out of genuine human skulls, sundry bones and a plethora of pipes - it's hardly a re-run of the creature from the Black Lagoon. See this film with someone you love, or a very close friend. No one will hear you scream when you bury your face in their shoulder.

Robin Smith.

Credit - Record Mirror July 28th 1979.

SECRETS OF THE LOST RACES - by Rene Noorbergen (New English Library - £5.95)

This book I find generates food for thought; there are numerous questions that have been asked in the past on our pet subject on the hows, whys and wherefores of our past civilizations on planet Earth. I strongly recommend our members to read this book - it makes very interesting reading. It covers items on the discovery of material classified as ooparts (out of place artifacts) items which are found in geological strata where they should not be, of which none are composed of material unknown on earth and their technological makeup conforms with the developments of our own modern civilization.

I think that there are unsolved mysteries on earth like the strange statues on Easter Island, all mentioned in this book; also evidence of ancient nuclear war in Desert Valley, and of huge walls and buildings submerged in the Caribbean, Pyramid Power, Cromaggon Man, Ape Man, and the Mercury Secret, the works of the Mahabharata, an epic poem of 200,000 lines dated back in its present form to 500 BC., repeated references are made to great God Kings riding in Vimanas or Celestial cars described as ariel chariots with sides of iron, clad with wings.

Was all this knowledge gleaned from earth or not?, or in the words of Rene Noorbergen:

Did they really visit us in ancient times?

Is our technology a mere shadow of what they once taught us?

Are they perhaps still in communication with our civilization or have they abandoned us for ever?

Is it possible that the unidentified ancient artifacts attesting to a super technological society belong to our own historical development?

Can it be that we have regressed instead of evolved?

Have we lost more than we gained?

Are we now again approaching the level of advancement and sophistication that led to a historical downfall of the human race?

By Alan Openshaw - Mapit Member.

STRANGE PHENOMENA: Price 75p per issue, available from Strange Phenomena, Publications, 19 Oaks Crescent, Chapel Ash, Wolverhampton, WV3 9SA.

This new printed magazine combines to feature, to quote editor Graham Phillips, "Supernatural, paranormal, unexplained or whatever you wish to call it", subjects. The magazine is 40 pages (so a good buy for the price). Some people I know disagree with UFOs being featured in a magazine with subjects such as astral projection/reincarnation, but perhaps astral projection researchers disagree with UFOs being featured!

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Included in issue one are items as follows: The Psychic Link with UFOs, by Andy Collins; this is something he will be expanding on in the future via his book 'The Contact Concept'; Andrew Green tells us about the increase in sightings of living Ghosts (people still alive); Barry Kings writes of an abduction/Sexual case similar in some ways to the AVB case; Jenny Randles surveys the field of time anomalies (she is writing a book on this for 1980 release). In all I counted fourteen different subjects in issue one.

THE MEN IN BLACK: by John Keel - cassette tape recorded in New York 1967. See Susan Stebbing's advert for details in this issue. In UFOlogy you either disagree with Keel or you admire his ideas. I must admit that I am pro-Keelism and find his style of writing enjoyable. Needless to say I was looking forward to listening to this tape, and it proved very interesting. Due to a lack of time the talk was cut short, but he assured his listeners that he could back up all his evidence - it was just a pity that he had to summarise his items. The talk concentrates on MIBs Blackouts/power failures, black cadillacs, witnesses houses burning down, prowlers and giant figures peering through windows in monks hoods, very agile and fast, leaping over fences, animal disappearances, abandoned cars/missing persons, etc., in fact he says 'It's a nightmare on the ground' - sounds like it! He mentioned a new form he evolved for investigations which has 53 questions, only 4 concern UFOs. Keel states he is not interested in flying saucers, but what's happening on the ground. He believes that 'they' are studying telephone systems in America - to console us, he states, 'I do not wish to cause hysteria'. He firmly believes the answer does not lie with the objects and he uses the following to show what researchers have been doing for years. Do the same to a Volkswagen Car as we do with UFOs, that is chart their course, speed etc., we will never learn anything about Germany, the German people or the location of Germany. Lovers of Keel's book 'The Moth Men Prophecies' will find this tape very interesting - I did! The full range of tapes offered by Susan Stebbing are featured in the advertisement section of this issue. Price of MIB tape is £4.75p

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OVERSEAS NEWS

BELGIUM: Schoonaarde, on January 1st this year, between 8 and 9 o'clock, Johan Van Boyen (10) sees two large beings (Michelin Type) walking in midair they wore a metallic, shining suit and helmet, and from the opposite direction a flying saucer with two domes approached them. Both figures climbed a small ladder on the side of the craft, then the UFO flew off in the direction of Wetteren. The credibility of this case has not yet been established; a second boy, Dimitri Clinck (13) who also witnessed the sighting, gives a contradictory account. Moreover Johan Van Boven refuses to meet the researchers. All details collected have been given by his mother. Credit: UFO INFO (spw) June 1979.

CHILE: Antofagasta (Nobo May 26th 79) - a Chilean military aircraft chased for some minutes an Unidentified Flying Object. The information came from a city located 1370 kilometers from Santiago. The pilot of the military aircraft (F-5) - has observed an Unidentified Flying Object that was flying in circles around Antofagasta. The object had a triangular shape and was moving at a tremendous speed. The Chilean Air Force is making a complete investigation to learn the origin of the object. Credit: UFO Newscipping Service No.119 June 1979.

MALAYSIA: (Daily Star 20th May 1979) News of the reported landing of a tiny flying saucer carrying aliens measuring three inches tall are spreading like wildfire here. Pupils of the Jit Sin Primary school here reportedly encountered the aliens in their school compound today. A standard three pupil, Khor Boon Chew told reporters we was playing under a tree with a group of classmates when they saw the creatures. He said he tried to grab one of the aliens but was 'shot' by it before he could get near. Another shot missed and struck a brick breaking it. Khor felt a stinging pain in his

right where he was apparently shot. The aliens then reportedly scurried back into a tiny flying saucer. An unidentified pupil grabbed the craft with both hands, but had to let go when he felt an electric current passing through his hands from the craft. The saucer then took off leaving in its wake a shower of falling leaves from the nearby tree. Five of Khor's classmates, Tan Teik Hwa, Teh See Phui, Cheah Seow Boon, Goh Kah Pin and Tan Goon Heng, attest to Khor's story. A youth, Raymond Liang (21) also witnessed the encounter. "I was playing basket ball when I heard a commotion in the school compound where a group of pupils had gathered", he said. "I rushed to the scene and saw a tiny flying saucer under the tree with four aliens, measuring only about three inches tall standing outside". Liang said that one of the pupils (Khor) tried to catch one of the aliens but was shot by the creature who was armed with a pistol-like weapon. "It really sounds unbelievable, but that was what I saw", Liang swore. Liang said that after the shooting, the aliens ran back into their flying saucer and flew away. "It rose above the trees and disappeared from sight", he said. Liang said that the aliens wore green uniforms and white caps or helmets. The story of the sightings has become the talk of the town. Teachers who heard about the story from the pupils also did not know what to make of it. "It sounds fantastic and could have come from the pupils' overactive imagination after watching too much TV and reading too many comics", said one sceptical teacher.

Credit: Dr. Yeang - JP.

(Editor's Comments: Compare with the Fencehouses encounter featured in FSR and the Jean Hingley encounter in January this year - DLR).

JERSEY: (from special report prepared by Dean Preston and Arno Chilvers for MAPIT).

Mr and Mrs. Lombard were getting ready to go to bed at about 11 to 12 o'clock on a warm summer's night of 1976 (exact date not known, but witnesses say it occurred between the end of July and the beginning of August). Whilst Mr. Lombard was lying on the bed with the curtains parted/open, he noticed a yellow glowing object, large in size, in the sky. He states: "All of a sudden from the Southwest appeared a bright light, which was coming towards the house at a very fast speed. I got up; my wife was awake and I showed her the light. She saw it and we both got up and watched it go over the house. We then quickly ran into the children's room, woke them up and they also had time to see it. My wife and I went back into our bedroom and saw a second object, using the same flight path. This appeared a minute or two after the first one. The location was St. Saviours and the object was pear-shaped." Another report also occurred concerning two police crews; the police cars were on the M1 motorway when the crew spotted 2 lights hovering at some distance above the Hemel Hempstead Oil terminal, Dean Preston concludes the following: "I believe the two objects passed over the Lombard's house at about 12 midnight on Saturday, July 31st. The objects continued their straight flight path (from S-W to N-E) and were spotted over Hemel Hempstead on Sunday 1st August. The direction of travel given by the Lombards would take the UFOs from Jersey to Hertfordshire! But one question remains - where were they going? The UFOs spotted by the police were seen in the early hours.

SPAIN: About 50 UFOs surrounded the boat 'Tamames'.

Friday, February 9, 1979 nearly all the media in Spain (and in some other countries) echoes the surprising news which most of the press titled "Fifty UFOs Surround a Boat".

The first reports of this day indicate that more than fifty UFOs surrounded the butane boat "Tamames" during six hours whilst said boat neared the refinery of Escombreras, proceeding from the port of Alcudia in the Balearic Islands. Said report quoted a series of details, which since they do not strictly conform to the facts, will not be repeated here, leaving them for later in accordance with the declaration of the captain of the boat, Mr. José Luis González Rodríguez.

The polemics were not long in coming. The 10th of February once again repeated the declaration made to the newspaper "La Verdad" of Murcia by the brigade broadcasting Mr. Alfonso Díez who said that the UFOs seen by the

crew of the "Tamames" were paratroopers who wore lights on their breasts and arms, who participated in a program taped by Radio National titled "Testigo Directo". Mr. Diez added that the planes from which they jumped took off from and landed on the military airfield of San Javier. Said operations, according to Mr. Diez, were realised over Murcia, Alcantarilla, Balsinas, Torrevieja and near Escombreras.

Nevertheless, this same Feb 10 the newspaper "La Verdad" printed the declaration of the captain of the "Tamames". Below is a summary of the most interesting points of said declarations in reference to the appearance of the UFOs.

"The strange occurrences began about 09.00 p.m. (Tuesday, Feb 6th), about 15 miles from Formentera (Balearis Islands). Lights similar to those of signal rockets appeared in front of us, lights of a yellowish colour which did not remain static, at least 8 or 10 miles from us..."

When asked by the reporter if he categorically affirmed that they were UFOs the captain answered:

"Yes, I am sure: they were UFOs. Our radar was working perfectly; it could not be a malfunction on part of the radar, which has always functioned well. None of the crew had ever seen anything like it. It was a real spectacle. Those lights, a few miles in front of the boat and changing position, and the reflexions received by the radar, which, I insist, produced some very impressive flips, were something no one had ever seen before. Yes, I think they were UFOs. That same night we saw a plane in flight, and the radar worked perfectly. At first we thought the lights might be signal rockets launched by a boat in distress. The sky was lit up as though by a conflagration, including smoke...."

Asked if it might be possible that the radar might have received false reflexions, the captain answered: "It is possible, but in this case I don't think so. I repeat: the flips on the radar screen were constant.... and the lights were there, moving, going out and reappearing in another place, about 4 or 5 miles from us, and during a night which was not stormy, when the sky was not cloudy...."

Asked about the situation of the boat at the moment of the disappearance of the UFOs the captain said: "When the UFOs disappeared, the "Tamames" was about 90 miles from Cabo de Palos."

The captain closed with the following words:

"Before arriving at Escombreras, we contacted the Castillo de Galeras, from Cartagena, and they told us that they had detected nothing extraordinary. When we told them what had happened, they said that the Friday before (i.e., Feb 2), they received a message from a ship which said that the crew of the ship had seen a UFO near Cabo de Palos. In our case there wasn't one UFO, but more than 50."

Here ends the declaration of the captain of the "Tamames", Mr. Jose Luis Gonzalez.

In the above interview the captain admitted he was interested in the subjects of UFOs, that he had read books on the subject and was a listener to the nightly program of the network SER dedicated to Parapsychology, UFOs, etc. But he clearly stated that he had never seen anything similar before. I think that the declarations of the captain are very substantial, and indicate that it is highly improbable that the UFOs seen by the crew of the "Tamames" were paratroopers. In this case I would very much appreciate it if someone would answer the following questions:

- 1) Why were paratroopers dropped so far to the south of Formentera, where there is no coast nearby?
 - 2) Why were neither the airplanes from which the paratroopers supposedly jumped nor the boat which supposedly was to pick them up detected by the radar of the "Tamames"?
 - 3) What, then, were the reflexions picked up by and the flips shown by the ship's radar?
 - 4) Why was nothing extraordinary detected by the "Castillo de Caleras"?
 - 5) Why was there no official communique by the Air Force concerning this?
- It should be noted that no far from where the "Tamames" saw the UFOs, in

the provinces of Murcia, Albacete and Alicante, there was an intensive "flap" of UFOs at the end of January and the Beginning of February, 1979.

Credit: Fernando Cerda Guardia - Overseas correspondent.

ITALY:

CARLO GERI SIGHTINGS. Carlo Geri is a young man who has seen two probable UFOs in July 1976 and August 21 1977 while holidaying near the Gulf of La Spezia in Italy. I have not met Mr. Geri, of Greenock near Glasgow, and my information comes from a request of October 1977 after he told of his sightings in the "Daily Record" readers' letters page. So I cannot account for the validity of the sightings, but he was most co-operative in our brief correspondence and I think the truth has been stated.

I can do no better than quote direct from his letter:

One evening whilst returning home with my three friends when one of whom stopped suddenly and said what is that thing up there and looking up we could see this very bright light move across the sky but the interesting point about it was that it zig zagged across the sky very quickly and at times it seemed to be bouncing up and down then the object flashed across the sky so quickly that it was soon out of sight, although the sighting did not last long it gave me enough time to define that the UFO was very bright and light blue in colour, it was bigger than a star, also it was very high, but how high I would not like to say because I would need to have some knowledge of its size so I would rather not give a wild guess. The place of this sighting was San Terenzo a small seaside resort which is about seven kilometres from the town of La Spezia. The checked time being 2310. date being between 25/31 July as it happened last year I just cannot now recollect the exact days of July for I was preparing myself in returning home to Scotland on August 2nd and the sighting took place just a few days before leaving.

And the second sighting:

I don't know if you have heard of Monto Parodi which is a mountain that overlooks the Gulf of La Spezia, there had been numerous sightings during the first months in fact. I had heard so much about the now famous Monti Parodi that I was thrilled when a friend suggested we should go up one evening to skywatch. He knew how to get there as there is a road which leads up to the top, so indeed one evening off we went arriving on top just before midnight August 20th and welcomed by another nine skywatchers already there; it was a lovely clear starry night but bitterly cold and damp. I am however, glad to say that it was indeed worth it because at 1.15 a.m. we saw this orange light coming from north to south towards our direction, now it has been known that some UFOs have responded to flash lighting so as we had a flashlight with us I thought I would give it a try, so I flashed three times and much to everybodys amazement the object came to a sudden halt then hovered about for 30 seconds before moving off this time to the west, we could still watch it for yet another few minutes before it suddenly picked up speed and out of sight in a matter of seconds, really and truthfully amazing! I must mention that I had binoculars with me and through them I saw it was a disk shaped object with a dome on top and the orange light was underneath, in all it was an experience I shall never forget.

Credit: David Sydeserff

CANADA: On Nov.10 1978 five witnesses were in an automobile travelling on a street in a suburb of Winnipeg, when one of the five pointed out a bright aerial object, seemingly close to them, and just beyond some trees. They drove in the direction of the object, and soon "saw it up close". The object was described as "an oval on a slant", with moving white "windoew" on its side, with a flashing red "dome" on its upper surface. The body of the object "moved to the right, hovered, then moved to the left and hovered" repeating this several times in sequence for "several minutes". The object then flew away in a northerly direction (it had been in the west all this time) and was lost to sight behind some trees and buildings. Investigations by this researcher revealed that an advertising plane with moving "phi Phenomenon" lights, spelling the word "Grubees" (a local eating establishment)

had circled several parts of Winnipeg that evening, at times corresponding to the times of observation by the witnesses (approx. 9.00 - 9.15 p.m). No further reports were received by this investigator for the remaining part of 1978. By mid-January of 1979, having still not heard of recent sightings, a field trip to investigate "old rumors" was initiated into the Teulon, Manitoba, area, north of Winnipeg. The initial queries concerned a reported UFO-related cattle mutilation which had supposedly occurred in the summer of 1976. Upon speaking with the RCMP at Teulon, the rumor was confirmed, and the file report examined. At this late date, investigation consisted of interviewing the farmer/owner of the deceased cattle.

On July 31 1976 a farmer noticed that three of his cattle were missing at a head count, this being one day after the last count. On August 2nd 1976 the three were found in an isolated part of an enclosed field, two together and 1 1/4 mile distant, and the RCMP were called in. Their investigations revealed the following:

- 1) both of the cattle found together were without flesh, and only one had any hide, even this being in sparse fragments. The bones were bleached white, "as if they had been dead for years", and there was a noted absence of blood in both carcasses.
- 2) the area around each of the bodies was "burned, though without any evidence of fire". Soil samples taken from the site and sent to the police biochemistry laboratory showed no evidence of petrochemical products (i.e. gasoline) thought to have been present from a "torching" of the animals.
- 3) a foul smell was noted as being present at the site, distinctly different than the smell of burned or rotted flesh, in the opinion of the two investigating officers and the concerned farmer.
- 4) the RCMP concluded only the fact that "something unusual took place".

MCUFOS investigation in January of 1979 showed the following:

- 1) the finding of the third carcass was not reported to the RCMP. The third animal was found intact, "looking as if it had been run to death" and "bleeding from the nose".
- 2) no UFO had been seen, but was only assumed from the unusuality of the incident by the farmer and his family.
- 3) a veterinarian had not been called to examine the bodies. One was, however, consulted by MCUFOS investigators for possible explanations for the appearance of the cattle. In his opinion, the described appearance of all three cattle could be accounted for by blackleg, or a similar "bloat" disease, combined with the existence of wolves or wild dogs, known to range the area occasionally.
- 4) an explanation of "rustling" is unlikely, given the facts of the case, and the typical modus operandi of rustlers.

It is the opinion of the researcher that UFOs were in no way involved with the destruction of the cattle, and that evidence strongly suggest a natural explanation for the incident.

While speaking with the RCMP in Winnipeg, concerning the Teulon case, a brief mention was made of a report recently received from a detachment at Lynn Lake, Manitoba. A call to the detachment provided the following: On December 20 1978 at 7.00 p.m. two witnesses observed a swiftly-moving blue object pass overhead in the town of Lynn Lake. The object travelled east to west in "a few seconds" seeming to fall to Earth near the town. The RCMP contacted a National Research Council representative in Winnipeg, and gave the individual the information. The NCR representative, Dr. Clarke, concluded that the object was a fireball, but unretrievable for scientific purposes. A call to Dr. Clarke revealed that a similar incident took place, by coincidence, near Teulon, Manitoba, during the last week of December 1978, where an individual observed an object fall to earth in a field. A check of the field revealed a crater. Dr. Clarke had been called in, but had concluded from the appearance of the site that the crater was not an impact crater caused by a meteorite. This incident is currently under investigation by this writer.

"In the evening of the date cited, a family of witnesses observed a bright, white-orange object "hanging" in the sky. Previous to their observation they had noted interference on their TV set. Other residents of the town reported similar interference that night. The bright object disappeared after an unspecified period of time". This report, received by way of the Manitoba Planetarium, is under investigation by MUCROS. It occurred on Jan 3 1979 in the town of Snow Lake, Manitoba, several hundred miles northwest of Winnipeg. It is doubtful that an in-person investigation will be made, due to the distance, but further queries are being made. Credit: Chris Rutkowski - Copyright 1979.

AUSTRIA: UFO AND CLOCK-STOP IN VIENNA BASIN by Ernst Berger, MUFON - Vienna.

Abridged version of a report written July 22 1978

Field investigation on the case: July 18 1978.

It was July 12 1978 2215 CET when a Mercedes left a private rifle range near Neuribhof in the Vienna Basin, SW of Baden, Lower Austria. The driver, Herbert B., 62, realtor, was accompanied by his wife Gertrude, 48, master hairdresser and chief of a fashionable saloon, and steered the car along a rough land through open fields. Night had fallen on the overcast sky. Mrs. B remembers: Suddenly there was an intense orange disc behind the dark clouds, like one of the mirrors in the hairdresser's saloon. I told my husband: That's strange, look! and he replied: It's the moon (in fact the moon set at 2306 CET, but the object became visible 30° up in the SW - E) I asked him...Why are you driving that slow? and heard him say Because it's uncanny... The orange disc, first partially hidden by clouds, seemed to twist, standing at a tilted angle like airplanes in a curve before approach, was blue-grey....a cold dolor and looked like a pot-lid now, or so to say, a disc with a center hump (the change from orange to a blue domed disc happened all of a sudden -E8)...Suddenly it changed again into two orange dots and disappeared on the spot....I said Switch on the interior light, I must get the time of this and he did so. It was 2215 CET....Driving home I kept my eyes on the sky, without any avail....When we arrived home my wristwatch had stopped still showing 2215! I don't like to mention this, I'm not crazy, but it had stopped at the time of the observation....and when I just turned the crown two times, as the watch was still nearly full woundup, the hands moved and all was OK again". The object mysteriously set out of function was an expensive golden Longines (Swiss) Lady wristwatch. The observation lasted about 1 minute. First, a clearcut intense orange disc of 1.5° relative size stood at 30° elevation between dark cloud strips which were not illuminated by the object "unlike the moon rays". Azimuth was 250° NESW towards Southern Highway near Holles. Instantly, an "Ice-cold" metallic blue-grey tint was seen illuminating a domed disc. Shortly afterwards, the scene went dark except for two orange points of light which disappeared "as you switch off an electric light". The cloud base of an altocumulus field near Vienna at 22 CET partly obscuring the object was reported to be 12000 feet by the airport weather service.

On July 21 1978 the freshly tape-recorded data were presented to Prof.Dr.O.A. of Vienna University, a renowned expert of psychopathological processes such as visual hallucinations, for psychiatric analysis. In his comment he stressed the following points:

"I do not personally know the subjects, but... a change of one shape into another single one is rare in shaped visual hallucinations. ... Abstract reporting is not very common. One has to observe that orange and blue are frequent natural colours of the sky, basic colors of the everyday optical stimuli... This leaves an illusionary misinterpretation within reach. A circular disc is a normal shape in the sky, but not a tilted disc....A standing visual hallucination will last 10 to 15 seconds at maximum, but definitely less than a minute without motion. Developing hallucinatory episodes can last somewhat longer. The second part of the observation may contain subjective colorings, interpretations like the cupola typical for UFO reports and the lights suggesting "take off rockets"... The primary experience speaks against an illusion/delusion as the persons involved have had no other hallucinations and were not under drug or alcohol influence". Credit: Rainer Scheiblberger - Interkomos.

GREECE: On the 15 July 1977, Mr. S. who is director in Athens, woke up at about 2 to 3 am because of his dog. When he came out he saw something strange flying at about 100 m high at a distance of 200-300 m. It was a disk shaped and luminous with a white-yellow light. It was without noise and it moved slowly, its diameter was about 20 m. after two minutes the craft disappeared to the north.....

Credit: Omiros Karajas-overseas correspondent.
(We will be featuring more Greek sightings in detail in the next issue).

FINLAND: During the first three months of 1979 the UFO research of Finland received 4 ufo-related reports, of which 3 referred to the reporting period. Two cases were classified as ufos and one combination of cases remained unclassified since the research work has not been completed. In the Finnish media there were 125 articles or transmissions dealing with ufos and related phenomena, mostly about the New Zealand sightings.

On February 14 1979 at 6.30 p.m. at Kuhmoinen a man and a woman had just left a yard in their car when the man noticed a ball of light ascending from behind the trees in the north-east. It was blueish green in colour and the witnesses saw red flames and blueish green smoke around the phenomenon. The ball made a turn and after that the flames and the smoke disappeared. The ball crossed the road and disappeared behind the trees after about 20 seconds. No sound was heard during the observation. At the time of the observation there was TV interference at the witnesses' home. The picture on the screen disappeared and a buzzing sound was heard from the TV set. The weather was clear and the moon was behind the witnesses, (Classified as ufo).

On March 20 1979 at 8.17 p.m. at Kangasala several witnesses saw a bright red disc of light in the sky. It had a diameter of about 10 meters.

The disc flew slowly from south to north. No sound was heard. The disc flew between two houses at an altitude of 20 meters and disappeared behind trees. One of the witnesses got a heavy headache after the observation. (Classified as UFO).

Strange traces were found on three different occasions in February at Suonenjoki near a one-family house. No explanations have been found. On February 2 Mr. Reijo Kolehmainen found a 3 meter diameter crater in the snow. Some red liquid and pieces of metal as well as a metal cup were found in the crater. Similar traces were also observed on February 5 and February 21. (Research work not completed).

On March 16 1979 at 2.20 p.m. the strange phenomena continued at Suonenjoki. Mr. Jarmo Nykanen walked to his summer cottage which is on a lakeshore. Suddenly he heard a buzzing sound from behind. He turned around at an altitude of about 2 meters he saw a bell-shaped bright object. It had a diameter of half a meter. He had a camera with him and he took 5 photos. While he was taking photos the object moved up and down. The object disappeared for a while, but reappeared near some bushes. Now the witness was hit by a red beam of light coming from the object. The light worsened his eyesight for a while but caused no permanent damage. Later a dust cloud appeared around the object. The witness got the impression that the object shrunk and disappeared. Then a tubelike object appeared and flew upward and disappeared. On the same spot the witness found melted metal and red liquid. (Research work not completed).

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THE ETHICS OF UFO INVESTIGATION by Mark Moravec

An important area of ufology which has been little discussed is the ethics of Ufo investigation. No doubt many investigators operate according to their own implicit assumptions of what is and what isn't ethical. And no doubt individual investigators differ in their ethical assumptions. It is because of such differences that the ethics of any discipline is usually a controversial issue and requires wide debate. In this article, I will look at why ethical guidelines for UFO investigations are desirable, and present some suggestions on the areas such guidelines should cover.

Why do we need to consider ethical issues? In any scientific enquiry involving people there is usually the potential for harming those people. In UFO investigations we are primarily dealing with people (not crashed UFOs, because there aren't any). People are the source of our reports and their experiences constitute the core of our mystery. As investigators, it is our moral obligation to have proper regard for the individual rights and well-being of UFO witnesses. The nature of the UFO experience itself affects the ethical picture. A substantial number of witnesses, particularly those who have experienced a close encounter, became anxious or more seriously disturbed after having gone through a terrifying and bizarre experience. As John Musgrave (1977) has pointed out, an investigator's lack of attention to the well-being of the person who has experienced the phenomenon may heighten rather than lessen the stress and anxiety associated with a UFO event. In training new investigators, we need to teach the ethics, as well as the basic data-gathering procedures, of UFO investigation.

In my opinion, the order of priorities in UFO investigation are:

1. Regard for the rights and well-being of the witness;
2. Regard for the rights and well-being of the investigator; and
3. The gain of potentially useful information about the UFO phenomenon.

In developing any proposed set of ethical guidelines, I think that these priorities should be kept in mind. Guidelines can then be developed which are applicable to all cases in general with additional guidelines for specific situations. The more complex a case, the more involved will be the investigator with the witness in obtaining information about the sighting and the more crucial and more specific are the ethical issues likely to become. What follows are suggested ethical guidelines for general and specific cases.

GENERAL CASES: In the case of the witness contacting the investigator - investigative group, there is obviously a desire on the part of the witness to participate in an investigation (how far he will participate is another matter). If the investigator initiates contact, the first thing that must be done is to seek the permission of the witness for an investigation. In both cases, the investigator should state what is involved (ie: interview, reconstruction, of sighting at site, etc). To promote co-operation, the investigator might stress the sensible scientific approach of his investigation and inform the witness of the ACOS setup. If the witness requests anonymity in publishing the details of his sighting, then this request should be respected. The witness might be asked if he wishes to know the results of investigation and these results should be communicated to him when a conclusion is reached. If the witness refuses to co-operate despite rational pleas, the investigator should realise the witness is a person with rights to his own privacy, and should drop the case. Witnesses often ask the investigator what he thinks UFOs are and where they come from. Many investigators have preconceived ideas on what they think are the correct answers to these questions. I think that it is acceptable for the investigator to discuss 'his' pet theory with the witness when asked to, but that he must stress that there are other hypotheses, perhaps equally valid, and that at this stage of UFO research, no one really knows, the answers. In my view, for an investigator to convince a witness that he definitely saw a space ship or a psychic manifestation, or whatever, is an unethical ideological indoctrination of the witness. In photographic cases, a receipt should be issued for any photograph/negative borrowed for analysis, and the witness should be assured that these items will be returned. Similar conditions should apply to 'artifact' cases.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS: Ethical issues of privacy and psychological health become more prominent when dealing with witnesses who have close encounter UFO experiences. The more bizarre the experience, the more likely that the case will receive sensational media coverage together with the personal harassment of the witness if his name is publicised. In this connection, Musgrave (1977) states that is part of the UFO investigators obligation to protect participants from publicity and harassment by not making public the witnesses' name without careful thought. Additionally the investigator should not alarm the witness

of an anxiety-producing close encounter by making irresponsible, alarmist statements such as the witness definitely saw a spaceship, occupants sometimes abduct people, and UFO often return to the same spot. Rather the investigator may be able to lessen the witnesses anxiety by showing that someone is concerned enough to listen to and investigate the witness's story, and by making the witness realise he isn't the only person who has gone through such a bizarre and terrifying experience. (assuming the witness experienced it that way).

CHILD WITNESSES: In some UFO cases, a child witness or his parents may not be willing to co-operate with the investigator. The investigator should emphasise to the parents and to the child (in terms the child can understand) the investigator's primary regard for the well-being of the child and the sensible, scientific approach of his investigation. If necessary, he should agree to keep the child's name confidential and not communicate details of the case to the mass media. The child's right to privacy is probably more critical than that of adults. There have also been cases where a child witness to a close encounter has forgotten much of his traumatic experience. The central ethical issue becomes whether or not the investigator should interview the child and risk renewing his trauma. For example, in the Averley Abduction (Collins 1978), Kevin, aged 10, was apparently involved in a bizarre 'abduction' together with his parents. The boy did not remember much about the encounter apart from ascending in a mist and the entities giving him a lot of things to do 'when I grow up', 'but I've forgotten them all'. Kevin's father decided not to tell Kevin what apparently happened and makes a point of never discussing the UFO encounter with his children. In an American case (Musgrave 1977) another boy aged 10 witnessed a landed object with portholes and legs and subsequently had a recurrent nightmare in which he was taken aboard the object by spacepeople from Saturn. Several weeks later he no longer experienced the nightmare and had forgotten most details of his UFO encounter. The investigator decided not to rush in and investigate the sighting. In these tricky situations involving child witnesses I would say that if in doubt about possible psychological harm to the child, the investigation should not proceed.

"MALADJUSTED" WITNESS: Occasionally the investigator may come across a person claiming bizarre UFO experiences and who appears to be 'mentally unstable'. In such a situation the investigator needs to proceed with considerable caution. If possible he should call in a qualified psychologist or psychiatrist to try and determine whether the witness merely has an exotic personality, is suffering from a temporary 'post UFO trauma' or, in the extreme case, is psychotic. Other-wise all the investigator can do is to note down the claims of the witness with a minimum of stress and provocation.

HYPNOTIC REGRESSION: Some close encounter UFO experiences involve a 'time lapse' phenomenon where the witness is unable to consciously recall the events which occurred during a certain period of time. In such cases, Hypnotic regression techniques have been used on the witness in an attempt to account for the period of lost time. Frequently, while under hypnosis, the witness recounts a bizarre take of "abduction" by UFO entities. James Harder (1977) suggests the use of the "pendulum technique" (using pendulum motions to represent "yes" and "no" responses) to gain information from the unconscious mind in preliminary investigations. (This technique is described in detail by Sprinke, 1976) If the pendulum technique gives promising results a qualified hypnotherapist should do a hypnotic regression. The advantages of using hypnosis include the release of repressed subconscious information from UFO observers about apparent 'time-lapse' experiences; and assisting UFO observers to relax and to reduce anxiety which may be associated with their UFO experiences (Sprinkle 1976). Since a person under hypnosis is in a more compliant state than normally, and is somewhat dependent on the hypnotist, it is especially important for the investigator to obtain the witnesses full, written permission before a hypnotic regression is attempted.

The pros and cons of hypnosis should be thoroughly discussed with the witness beforehand. The actual hypnotic regression must be carried out only by a fully qualified hypnotherapist experienced in the use of the technique. Under no circumstances should a regression be attempted by an unqualified person who has merely "dabbled" with hypnosis. It must be remembered that, in terms of trauma, just because a person is under hypnosis doesn't mean the experience is any less frightening, (when relived), when regressing a subject to an experience which may be frightening, the standard procedure is to get permission of the subject to relive that experience by asking him questions such as "are you willing to go th that incident at this point?" "Are you willing to remember it at this point?". (Hastings, cited in Hynek & Vallee, 1975).

CONCLUSION: Important ethical issues are ited in with UFO investigations. The "limits" of investigation" are set by the extent to which the witness is willing to co-operate, and by the extent to which an investigator can probe a case before adversely affecting the well-being of the witness. To promote adequate reagard for the individual rights and well-being of witnesses, then establishment of a set of eth?cal guidlines has been suggested.

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SKYWATCH UFO DETECTORS

One of the few facts that has been realised about UFOs and their activities is that they cause an electromagnetic effect on electronic and magnetic equipment. The reason for this is not really known, magnetic compasses spin wildly, TV's ghost and radios emit hums and crackles. It has also been known for the UFOs E.M.field to cause switching relays to react in power stations and cause widespread blackouts.

For the Ufologist to stay out in the open searching the sky for 24 hours a day is not practical. So a device that could detect UFOs presence would be a vital piece of equipment for the serious UFO researcher.

Over the years that I have been producing 'Skywatch UFO Detectors' (SKYFOD) I have had many requests and inquiries about the possibility of a pocket size UFO detector. I have in the past built such detectors but have not been practical or very successful.

Now thanks to modern electronics, I have produced such a detector that satisfactory fits the requirement of the Ufologist. This detector can be carried in your pocket, handbag, even used in your car, on public transport, and at night, left by your bedside. Of course, if you carry it in your pocket you must make sure that you don't have any other magnetic metal objects in the same pocket such as steel keys, penknives, etc.

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When the sensor detects the electromagnetic effect of a UFO, it pulses a signal to a latching circuit that in turn sounds an alarm. This alarm sounds until switched off or the battery runs down. When the detector is switched on guard, no battery power is used, only when activated does the detector's circuit draw current so the battery will last for a considerable period.

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"THE END BITS"

BIGFOOT EXISTS! At last Christopher Reeve has got rid of the 'Superman' tag, on the set of his new film - Somewhere in Time - they're calling him 'Bigfoot' after the legendary American Monster. It's because of the lack of grace he showed when dancing with British actress Jane Seymour in a scene from the new film. According to one crew member, Chris stepped on and ruined Jane's new shoes and now the crew have presented him with a T shirt with the words 'Bigfoot' across the chest.
Credit: Daily Star (GB) 7th July 1979.

What Bone are You ???

It has been said that membership of an organisation is made up of four bones; there are the WISHBONES - who spend all their time wishing somebody else would do the work. There are the JAWBONES - who do all the talking but very little else. Next come the KNUCKLEBONES - who knock everything that everybody else tries to do. Finally there are the BACKBONES - who get under the load and do the work. WHAT KIND OF BONE ARE YOU????
Credit: ACOS Bulletin No.18 April 1979.

Quote: Though a good deal is too strange to be believed, nothing is too strange to have happened. Thomas Hardy.

POEM BY CHRISTINE LAWRENCE:

This World of Ours

The widening sky so high above,
you fly around, do you bring peace and love,
I hope you do, as we watch and wait,
or do you think its far too late?

This world of ours - we presume,
needs your help or is it too soon?

I wait for the day, for us to meet,
perhaps we'll take our rightful seat.

Credits: UFOs a serious study.

(Skyscan) Vol 2 1979.

Quotes: What we need is not the will to believe, but the wish to find out.
Bertrand Russell.

There is very little difference between one man and another: but what little there is, is very important - William James.

What connection has the cartoon character Bugs Bunny with the new Universal Film "Buck Rogers in the 25th Century"? Well, Buck has a small friend named Twiki and the voice of this robot is supplied by Mel Blanc.

I wonder if Twiki ever says 'what's up Buck?'

First Sci-Fic Film? Having read in magazines about Cattle & Mutilations in the United States for many years and theories about their possible connection with UFO's (The Snippy Case being the most famous), I was most interested to read recently about a film released in Australia in 1911 called "Haunted Billabong", the storyline concerned the mutilation of sheep. Throughout the film it was assumed that the sheep were being killed by rabid dingoes (wild dogs). In fact at the conclusion of the film it was learnt that visitors from outer space had landed in the area and were using it as a base. The director was a gent named Tom Jackson. Is this the first SF Film? Well, Melies 'Voyage Dans La Lune' appeared in 1902 and Fritz Langs epic 'Metropolis' in 1926. From this then it could well be the first true SF ever; one thing is certain - who ever wrote it was way ahead of the times!